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"While stocks plummet, ironic furry costume purchases are at a 10-year-high." —ALEX QUIGLEY



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Sen. Barack Obama (center) speaks during the Wednesday’s town hall presidential debate with Sen. John McCain in Nashville. GETTY IMAGES

BLAME GAME

MCCAIN, OBAMA SPAR IN SECOND PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

New York Times News Service
With public anxiety mounting over financial markets and the economy, Sens. Barack Obama and John McCain engaged in a muted debate Tuesday night over who was to blame and whose plan would successfully address the problems.
In the second presidential debate, at Belmont University in Nashville, Obama faulted the Bush administration and by extension McCain for a deregulatory environment that he said had led to the economic meltdown. And McCain, pledging

to aid homeowners, offered a proposal to direct the federal government to save families from foreclosure by buying mortgages they could no longer afford.
Obama, who has been gaining strength in recent polls, actively engaged McCain, and repeatedly focused on the bread-and-butter struggles of Americans, vowing to help them with a “rescue package” for the middle class, not only for banks on Wall Street. The first part of the package, he said, would be tax cuts for all American households

making less than \$250,000 a year.
The debate came at a pivotal moment in the campaign, particularly for McCain. He has been losing ground to Obama in the polls, both nationally and in battleground states. The debate, sponsored by the Commission on Presidential Debates, was the second of three between Obama and McCain. By agreement, this debate was presented in a town hall style, with screened questions coming from the 80 uncommitted voters in the audience and from people who submitted questions via the Internet.

ON TWITTER
RedEye gathered your best responses.

REDEYE ASKED *Is it our imagination, or are the candidates not answering what they’re being asked?*

dcwriterdawn Thanks for that question but I am gonna talk about something else now.

REDEYE ASKED *What do you all think are the key moments so far from Tuesday’s debate?*

tattooed1 Not 1 moment but the fact that O’Bama is outlining what he WILL do. McCain keeps talking about what he DID do. Look forward.

REDEYE WROTE *The winner of this debate is clear: Tom Brokaw. Anyone agree?*

dpbyron LOL, Tom is the one showing some serious leadership!

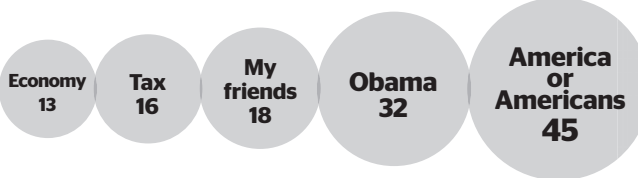
MOST AWKWARD MOMENT
When McCain called Obama “that one.”

REDEYE’S TOP TWEETS
elizabethdamaro that was pretty hot. tom took charge. liked much
dcwriterdawn You know how to get bin laden and fix social security. So hop the (bleep) TO it
rbmmom Next debate the moderator is going to bring an airhorn

REDEYE RETWEETED
WHAT TOM BROKAW ASKED
What don’t you know and how will you learn it?

SeanDFrancis
I don’t know what I want for dessert, but I will learn it by digging through my cupboards for something sweet.

Terms used by John McCain during the debate **McCain-speak**



“You know, nailing down Senator Obama’s various tax proposals is like nailing Jell-O to the wall.”



Obama-speak Terms used by Barack Obama during the debate



“I believe this is a final verdict on the failed economic policies of the last eight years.”

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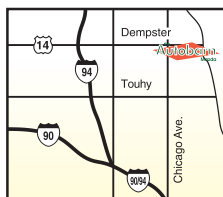
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FROM THE CTA BLOG

Wanna get the standees to move to the rear of the bus? Have the driver jam on the brakes and you can almost guarantee that the people will move to the rear. But seriously, I agree that the people who board the bus and stand there next to the luggage rack/right wheel well do block entry and exit, even when there is seating available. Now if only we could do something about those jerks who stand [and] block the doors of the "L" cars.
—Posted by Mario Mims to redychicago.com/ctablog

These CTA riders dish out the blame

And there's plenty of it to go around

Who is really to blame for bugs on buses? Should a bus garage employee be penalized for rudeness to a rider?

On Tuesday, "Going Public" columnist Kyra Kyles donned her "Judge GP" robes and ruled on these issues of CTA civility. Riders responded, serving as both judge and jury when it came to their own commuter cases.

CTA surrender?

I moved up here from Florida nine months ago, and I am so surprised at how nice everyone is up here in this big city. But for a big city like Chicago, I would never have guessed the mass transit system would be so frustrating.

I imagined large amounts of trains in large train stations quickly moving large amounts of passengers to their location. I never thought I would be sitting at the Belmont stop for 25 minutes while Red Line after Red Line passes [and] passengers shout expletives at CTA workers, who look extremely confused by what's going on as well, while we all wait for a Purple or Brown Line train.

This also happens at the Howard stop: Red Line after Red Line passes by while giant herds of people wait, sometimes in the freezing cold, for the Purple Line to come by. Even with gas prices being high and city parking being a nightmare, I think I am going to take my chances driving to work for a while.

RALPH GUATELLI, 29, ROGERS PARK

Show us a sign

Perhaps the new CTA online store should consider selling the official poster/chart of all the "L" lines and stops that is posted above every "L" door. Prior to them being bolted down, people would constantly steal them. In particular, I know many college kids who have them hanging in their dorms, so maybe that could generate some revenue for the cash-strapped CTA.

KELLY WITTIG, 23, LINCOLN PARK

Sorry state

Dear CTA, we know you're sorry for the inconvenience. Your penance: Stop being an inconvenience.

SAM HOTOP, EDISON PARK

CLARIFICATION

A Sept. 18 story about recycling mischaracterized the use of blue bags. Because the city is no longer paying its waste contractor to sort out blue bags, it encourages people who do not yet have blue carts to use recycling drop-off locations. People living in buildings with blue bag contracts through private waste haulers (such as residential buildings with more than four units) can still use blue bags.



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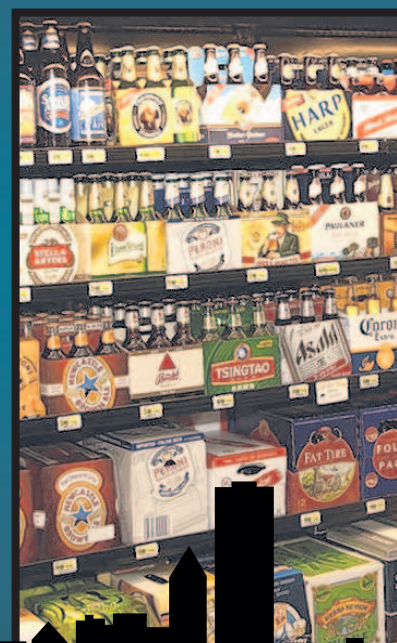
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Healthy snack? Maybe not.

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Here are two examples of the ads running in New York subway trains.

Stuck on the subway? Chew on this

Associated Press

NEW YORK Craving a burrito with sour cream and guacamole? What if you knew it had more than half the calories you should eat in a day?

The city Health Department is expanding its healthy-eating campaign with subway ads that say most adults should limit themselves to 2,000 calories day.

Posters that appeared Monday in about 1,000 subway cars provide calorie counts for several menu items—like 470 for a giant apple bran muffin or 1,170 for a chicken burrito with toppings.

The three-month ad campaign is intended to build on the city's new regulation requiring chain restaurants to post calorie counts on their menus. Officials are betting people will eat fewer calories if they know how many they should consume.

"Small changes in your choices can make a big difference in your calorie intake," said assistant health commissioner Dr. Lynn Silver.

The ads are in 20 percent of city subway cars.

Natalia Kaplan of Queens said she hadn't noticed the poster directly behind her on an E train featuring that 1,170-calorie burrito, but she approved of the campaign.

"It makes you aware," said Kaplan, who said she pays close attention to the calorie information fast-food chains are now required to provide.

"If I go to Dunkin' Donuts, I look at the calories, and I try to take the least-calorie doughnut," she said.

Celebrity Bible

Martin Luther King Jr. graces one page, Angelina Jolie the next. A photo of a man on fire opens the book of Revelation. And laid across a two-page image of gasoline spilling from a pump is the quote that begins, "The whole earth was amazed and followed the beast."

It's not the good book some may remember. While the Bible has been recreated and repackaged innumerable times, publishers of the newest editions are using some distinctly unique formats to capture the attention of readers, The Associated Press reports.

RedEye has a few suggestions on images to include in a Bible recreation.

» **Samuel L. Jackson as Goliath:** A supersonic action hero, Jackson slays at the box office.

» **Orlando Bloom as David:** His role in the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy helped transform him from an unknown actor to heartthrob overnight.

» **George Clooney as Jonah:** Like Jonah, Clooney has weathered "The Perfect Storm."

» **Michael Phelps as Adam:** This summer, Phelps became the first man to win eight gold medals, the most gold medals won at a single Olympics. He sets the tone for future Olympians.

» **Anne Hathaway as Eve:** In "The Devil Wears Prada," Hathaway was tempted by the dark side (expensive purses and bags), which she shared with others.



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Longer lines in your future?

The CTA is working to stretch service past some current terminus points for Red, Orange and Yellow Lines. The agency also aims to throw a curve into the system with a Circle Line.

But don't rejoice over longer "L" lines just yet.

It takes a five-step process, plus federal funding, to get these extensions under way, according to CTA spokeswoman Wanda Taylor. At the moment, the aforementioned public transit projects—with the exception of the Circle Line, which is a few moves ahead—are stopped, waiting for signals ahead, in the first phase of the first step of the process.

The remaining steps involve exploring how extensions and service additions might impact the environment, presenting all reasonable design options, outlining practical ways to implement the design, and finally, presenting construction plans.

Here's where each Line stands and more details about the proposal:

» Proposed Orange Line extension

Extend the Orange Line's final stop from Midway to Ford City Mall.

» Proposed Yellow Line extension

Add another stop to the Yellow Line that currently consists of Howard and Skokie stops along with a recently approved new station at Oakton Avenue in Skokie set for construction early next year, according to the Tribune. The new stop—which would require additional federal funds—would be located near Old Orchard Mall.

» Proposed Red Line extension

Extend the Red Line's final stop from 95th Street to 130th Street.

» Circle Line extension

Adding more rails to the CTA system to link it up with Metra tracks in a circle within the city. **K.K.**



End of the line

RedEye takes you past your stop to the outer limits of CTA 'L' routes

By Kyra Kyles
REDEYE

For a leg of the Blue, the end is a modest but modern-looking platform with a slatted wall overlooking an alley.

For one Green Line branch, the final stop features a beautifully painted but peeling bench.

The northernmost Red Line stop is an imposing structure with high ceilings.

Visiting the ends of each line probably isn't practical for busy commuters. Who has time for a public transit pilgrimage to the terminus of the Red, Brown, Blue, Green, Orange, Pink, Purple and Yellow Lines?

Don't worry about it. RedEye made the voyage for you, visiting the ends of CTA branches of service to compile photos and factoids about the ends of every line from Evanston to Forest Park to Bronzeville to the city's South Side.

Check out the best and worst features from where the CTA sidewalk ends. **KKYLES@TRIBUNE.COM**



Red Line

95th Street
14 W. 95th St.

Best feature: The 95th Street stop might have more connections than LinkedIn. It's the busiest for bus and rail rendezvous, with six Pace bus routes and 13 CTA bus routes—including the No. 108-Halsted/95th and the No. 119-Michigan/119th—serving the terminal, CTA spokeswoman Wanda Taylor said.

Worst feature: Street-crossing catastrophe. Riders race across the inbound or outbound Dan Ryan exits to access either side of the station. When RedEye visited, things got especially ugly on the east side, with blaring horns, shouting drivers and a few indignant retorts from riders running for trains.

Blue Line

Forest Park
711 Des Plaines Ave.

Best feature: A mini-mart selling everything from Home Run Pizza to Harry Potter book bags. There also is an impressive array of snacks

Howard
1649 W. Howard St.

Best feature: Once peeling and downright scary, the station now is all glass, stainless steel, white paint and soaring ceilings, and has four elevators thanks to recent construction. Through a glass bridge across the tracks, you can look down and see trains, a particularly dazzling effect at night.

Worst feature: Inconvenient access. The north-side entrance to Howard has been shuttered for construction as of last month, as part of a continuing station spruce-up. That means public transit patrons must hightail it around to enter through the south-side entrance. Not so bad now, but brace for winter sludge on sidewalks.

including nachos, hot peanuts and nostalgia-inducing candies.

Worst feature: A half-hearted attempt at a blue tile mosaic wall. It doesn't hold a candle to a similar arrangement at O'Hare.

Yellow Line

Skokie
5001 W. Dempster St.

Best feature: It's promising. Skokie may seem a stepchild station because it is part of a service line that consists of only one other stop, Howard. But you may find yourself more tempted to check out this line in the

future, as it is set to get another stop at Oakton, and perhaps another on Evanston's south side, the Tribune has reported.

Worst feature: None of this has happened just yet, so for now, Skokie is kinda lonely.



Skokie
JIM ROBINSON/TRIBUNE FILE

Green Line

Harlem/Lake
1 Harlem Ave.

Best feature: Antiquated ambience, including a sign that reads "Metropolitan Transit" near the entryway of the station. Like the Ashland/63rd terminus, it also features circular CTA signs.

Worst feature: Hideous mint-green tiled walls and cracked steps.

But once you're there, you might admire the work of an artist who successfully captured the image of a black family on what was obviously once a beautiful bench, since attacked by the elements.

East 63rd/Cottage Grove
800 E. 63rd St.

Best feature: Cool, spider-like look of the station. The stop stretches across the 63rd and Cottage Grove intersection like a mass transit tarantula with a double set of steps on either side for easy access to

the platform.

Worst feature: Too abrupt of an ending. Originally, the branch was supposed to reach even further east to Dorchester Avenue, but in the late '90s, the CTA board backed a City Council decision that a longer line would stymie area development, the Tribune has reported. By 1997, the CTA board declared Cottage Grove the end of the line, demarcated by a big white trailer blocking one end of the tracks.

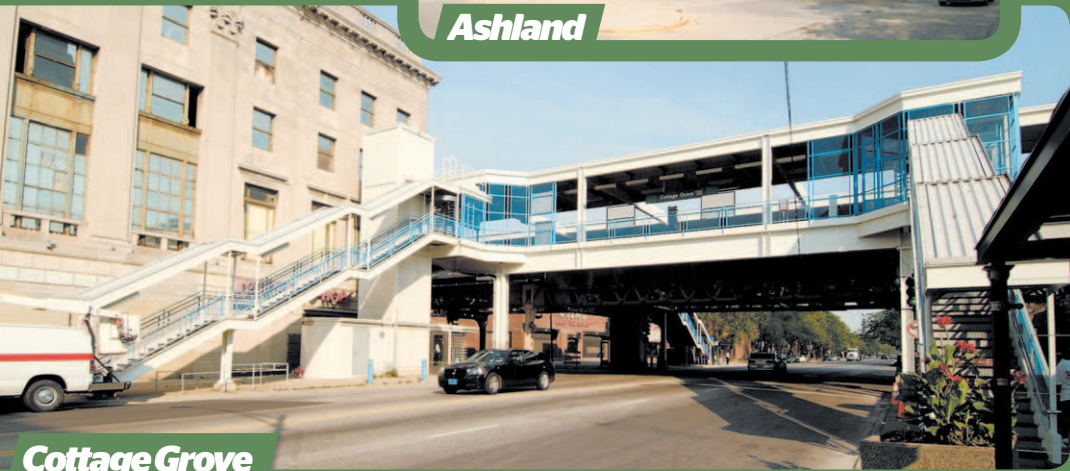
Ashland/63rd
6315 S. Ashland Ave.

Best feature: Viva la vintage. The Ashland/63rd terminus on this branch of the Green Line showcases some throwback touches, including a signature spike that reaches skyward and is decorated with old-school circular CTA signs.

Worst feature: Crumbly angular steps leading up to the platform.



Ashland



Cottage Grove
JASON LITTLE PHOTOS FOR REDEYE

Pink Line

54th/Cermak
2134 S. 54th St.

Best feature: Arresting modern mass transit touches, including steel finishes and see-through panes. Also eye-catching is a slatted wall that overlooks an alley.

Worst feature: The view of the alley, which also features a gap-toothed reddish fence that has seen better days.

Purple Line

Linden
349 Linden Ave.

Best feature: Looking for some sun? No need to hit the tanning booth, just go where the Purple Line ends and drink in the rays through the glass walls that line the serene-looking station.

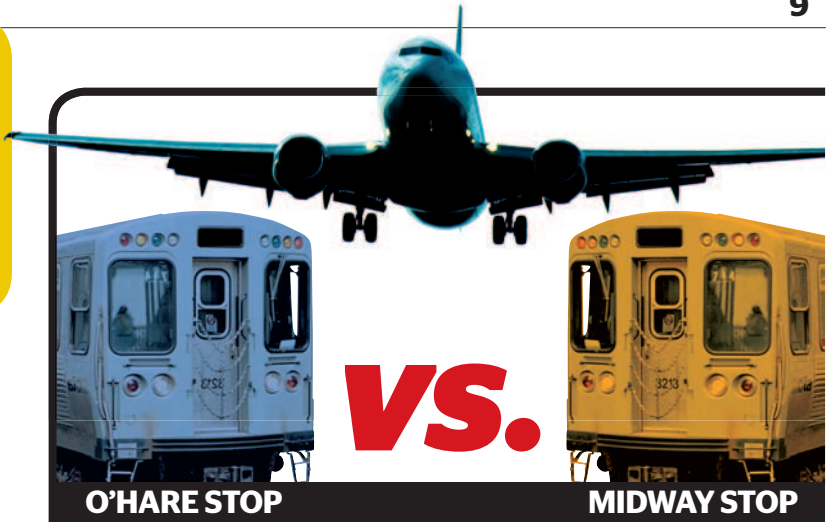
Worst feature: Linden is in the land of palatial homes, Wilmette, so you might get a serious case of HGTV-envy if you poke around outside the stop.

Brown Line

Kimball
4755 N. Kimball Ave.

Best feature: What is quite possibly the CTA's coolest exit door, a rotogate with a steely finish and rounded edges.

Worst feature: The "art" in its entryway. Glittery pillars/benches look a little like naughty bits at worst and like something snatched from the set of the original "Star Trek" at best.



O'HARE STOP

MIDWAY STOP

Airport line faceoff

The Blue and Orange Lines are the mass transit means to our major airports. That's all the reason RedEye needs to stage a faceoff between the O'Hare stop and its Midway menace.

PUBLIC TRANSIT PATRONAGE TO THE AIRPORTS

O'Hare: Brings in 8,608 average customers per weekday, according to CTA spokeswoman Wanda Taylor.

Midway: Brings in an average of 9,074 customers per weekday, Taylor said

Winner: O'Hare. To go purely by ridership isn't exactly fair, as CTA officials say Midway is a transportation center that—with significant bus-and-rail connections—attracts public transit patrons beyond the typical fly guys and gals. We all know the Blue Line is the boss for air travelers, as proven by constant carry-on action in its trains.

DECOR

O'Hare: With its soaring ceilings, beautiful blue tile mosaic work and relatively clean platforms, we are all over O'Hare.

Midway: Mandarin. Hmmm, not our favorite color, so to see it spread all over in a station is not exactly appealing.

Winner: O'Hare

AIRPORT ACCESSIBILITY

O'Hare: A hike to get to your flight, but at least it doesn't involve a post-transit trek through an area all but exposed to the elements. This is Chicago, after all.

Midway: Say what? We have to travel a winding path through a parking structure to get to the airport? Not cool, CTA, especially when it's cold outside.

Winner: O'Hare

SPEED TO STATION

O'Hare: Getting better due to a CTA initiative. Now, the beleaguered Blue Line branch to O'Hare consists of 7.3 percent slow zone track.

Midway: Approximately 8 percent of Orange Line track is affected by slow zones, according to the CTA's most recent stats.

Winner: O'Hare

OVERALL WINNER

O'Hare.
The branch definitely needs to ditch its recent rep as a snail trail, but what can we say? We've got the Blues.



chicago

Teens busted for booze in limo

Chicago Tribune

Limousine driver Leonel Cesar says he was just doing his job when he called police to report that a group of Highland Park teenagers tried to smuggle booze into his “party bus” on homecoming night.

One of the North Shore teens offered Cesar money to look the other way, told him that a paper bag containing liquor “was none of his business” and begged him not to call parents, police said.

The recent evening ended with 13 underage drinking citations and a slew of angry parents—some directing their wrath at Any Time Limo in Addison. One threatened to sue, saying the driver should not have involved police, said Alex Mich, the company’s general manager.

On Sept. 27, about 20 teens boarded Cesar’s white limo coach, which contains a TV and a stereo and costs \$1,500 for three hours.

One teen asked the driver to stop at his Highland Park house before proceeding to a Chicago restaurant, said Cmdr. Gerald Cameron. The teen returned with a bag. When the driver asked to see it, the student replied: “It’s none of your business. Don’t worry, you’ll be tipped.”

Cesar called the parents, but no one responded quickly enough, Mich said. Some teens offered him money in return for not calling police, but Cesar said he refused.

As police arrived, the teens poured six water bottles filled with vodka into the limo’s sink, Cesar said. All were released to their parents.

“Some of the parents said to me, ‘Thank you very much,’ ” Cesar said. “Others said: ‘This is stupid. It’s homecoming.’ ”

The intoxicated students were suspended temporarily from athletic and other activities, school officials said.

THE RIGHT CALL?

Though most agree limousine driver Leonel Cesar did the right thing, experts say the incident raises questions about the fallout from such vigilance, experts say. For example, will teens avoid oversight by adults and drive themselves the next time, even when drunk?



Tomaroa Turman (left) gets help Tuesday from taxpayers specialist Crystal Sims. KUNITAKAHASHI/TRIBUNE

'I'M PRAYING THAT IT GETS PAID'

Name: Tomaroa Turman

Neighborhood: Englewood

Bill: Up 61 percent

Her story: With crutches resting on her legs, Tomaroa Turman sat and waited for help from workers Tuesday in the Loop office of Cook County Assessor James Houlihan.

To many, the property tax bill on the house she’s owned for five years might not seem like such a burden. But to Turman, who is disabled and has a husband who is out of work, the \$858.86 property tax increase seemed like more than she could ever pay.

Because of vagaries in state law, Turman had exhausted the tax benefits of a break designed to limit the effect of increases in property tax assessments on homeowners’ bills.

In the end, she was told she qualified for a disability exemption that knocked off \$100. But she still left dejected.

“I’m praying that it gets paid,” she said.

Double whammy

Some homeowners hit with tax hikes in down market

Chicago Tribune

Stunned homeowners are lining up at assessor’s offices across Cook County after opening up property tax bills with whopping increases in recent days.

In a declining real-estate market, many mistakenly thought their shrinking home values would lead to a smaller tax bite.

But North and Northwest suburban homeowners, along with their counterparts in booming city neighborhoods, are in many cases facing double-digit increases—or worse. In the rest of the county, it’s not quite as bad.

“We have a lot of people who are confused, because the current economic circumstances would lead them to believe that their assessment should go down,” said Cook County Assessor James Houlihan. “Their actual tax liability has gone up.”

The reasons why many saw substantial increases while others saw lesser hikes or even modest decreases are complicated.

» A major tax assessment break is being phased out, starting in the city, and home values are rising in the eyes of the government, even if they would sell for less on today’s market.

» Though property tax caps softened the blow in many

cases, those ceilings don’t apply to all towns. In some suburbs, voters approved referendums, raising their own taxes.

» County assessments are done every three years, meaning homeowners get socked all at once. In the North and Northwest suburbs, where bills reflect the most recent assessments, the values are based on the housing market as it was nearly two years ago.

» The so-called 7 percent a year limit on assessment increases—an exemption designed to soften the blow of rising home values and their effect on taxes—varies depending on several factors, including length of ownership, increase in assessed value, time of purchase and income.

The county property tax system now is so complex and depends on so many variables that even the experts can’t predict what the average homeowner’s bill will look like, said Laurence Msall, president of The Civic Federation.

With that in mind, experts said a few broad observations about the recent tax bills can be made.

In the North and Northwest suburbs, the recent assessments have in some cases increased bills at rates beyond the protection provided by tax breaks. In Chicago, the limit on assessment increases is lower this year as state law phases it out, causing double-digit increases in individual tax bills in some areas.

The South and Southwest suburbs generally won’t see big increases until next year when property reassessments being done now show up on tax bills.

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'Playboy Bandit' sought

The FBI on Tuesday asked for help in finding the "Playboy Bandit," a bank robber named for the distinctive white rabbit logo he wears on his baseball-style cap. He is wanted in connection with the Sept. 11 armed robbery of a Charter One Bank branch in Alsip. The Playboy Bandit is described as a 5-foot-6 white male, 40 to 45 years old, with a heavy build and dark hair. Anyone with information may call the FBI at 312-829-1199.

1 killed, 2 hurt in shooting

One man was killed and two others were wounded, one critically, in a parked vehicle Monday on the South Side. Someone in another vehicle opened fire, police said. Andre Smith, 31, of the 500 block of West 69th Street was dead on arrival at St. Bernard Hospital with a gunshot wound in his chest, police said. The second victim was in critical condition in Stroger Hospital with a gunshot wound in his head. The third refused medical attention.

Loop bank robbed

A man robbed a bank at 55 W. Van Buren St. in the Loop on Tuesday afternoon, authorities said. The heist occurred around 12:30 p.m. in the Omni National Bank branch. The FBI was unable to give any additional details about the robbery or the assailant. Police had no reports of injuries.

West Side man denied bail

A reputed Chicago gang member and convicted felon was ordered held without bail Tuesday on charges he tried to kill police officers this week when he allegedly fired a shotgun at them on the West Side. Mike Woods, 32, of the 4100 block of West Washington Boulevard is charged with two counts of attempted murder of a police officer, said Andy Conklin, a spokesman for the Cook County state's attorney's office.

U. of C. physicist wins Nobel

Yoichiro Nambu, a retired University of Chicago physicist, was honored Tuesday with the 2008 Nobel Prize in physics. His principle explains, among other things, how computers store information and how a cell phone displays a text message. Yet in 1960, when Nambu first described spontaneous broken symmetry in subatomic physics, the scientific world's reception was "very poor," the soft-spoken Nambu recalled. Now, Nambu shares the \$1.4 million prize with two men from Japan.

Activists get out the vote

During the next four weeks, immigration activists plan to swarm through nearly 700 Chicago-area neighborhoods, visiting some homes several times in a \$1 million effort to pull at least 140,000 voters into the polls for the Nov. 4 elections, organizers announced Tuesday.

"This is a serious campaign," said Juan Salgado, president of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, which is coordinating the effort.

As the period for registering to vote in Illinois came to an end Tuesday, activists at the news conference inside Daley Plaza displayed a 6-foot-high stack of about 25,000 registration forms signed in the last three months in what was the first phase of their plan to influence the elections.

The next phase also will feature nearly 350,000 live and automated phone calls, 172,000 pieces of mail and intensive lobbying of voters to make a stand for immigration reform, Salgado said.



BIG, BIG PUSH

Juan Gonzalez (left), of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, handles copies Tuesday of more than 25,000 voter registration forms. The campaign, involving about 2,500 volunteers, is part of an aggressive nationwide election push. **JOSÉ M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE**

Family pleads for man to turn himself in



Chicago Police are seeking help in identifying this man seen in CTA surveillance footage. He is being sought in connection to the murder of a 17-year-old Julian High School student.

A Chicago family is pleading for a relative to turn himself in to police, believing he is the man shown on video surveillance on a CTA bus Sunday night shortly before a Julian High School teen was shot to death on the bus.

Police say the man in the videotape is wanted for the murder of the 17-year-old student.

In an interview with the Tribune, Patricia Wilson said she immediately recognized the man shown on the video as a member of her family. The man is on probation after pleading guilty in April to possessing a weapon and drugs, according to court records.

The Tribune is not naming the relative because Chicago police have not confirmed that he is a suspect in the murder.

Wilson said she doesn't know where the relative is now, but that she wanted to plead publicly for him to turn himself in to a West Side church attended by the family, or call the church's pastor. Wilson said the relative has two young children, and she doesn't know if he's responsible for the murder but thinks he should turn himself in and let the legal system run its course.

"I don't want him to get hurt," Wilson said Tuesday afternoon. "He [has] nowhere to go. He's just out there running. They have a price on his head now, and now anybody could turn him in."

The police are saying he's dangerous, and they could shoot him on sight."

"Please turn yourself in," said Viola Wardlaw, another relative. "His mother loves him. We all love him. We just want him to turn himself in."

O'Hare gets a new view

Spectacular views of O'Hare never before seen were offered Tuesday 230 feet above the ground in a new air-traffic control tower.

The cantilevered tower, designed to give controllers panoramic views, is scheduled to open Nov. 20, along with a new runway.

The tower, closed to the public, is needed because controllers in O'Hare's main tower cannot see the west end of the new runway.

Reporters toured the tower and ventured outside the control cab onto a narrow catwalk circling the structure. From there, with a strong wind blowing and planes floating in for touchdown on a runway just below, the majesty of flight was inescapable.

The tower project cost is about \$65 million, according to Chicago's O'Hare Modernization Program.

The new runway is the first built at O'Hare since 1971. It also marks the first major milestone in Chicago's \$15 billion effort to revamp the airport and extend its life into the 21st Century.

Eventually, a third air traffic tower will be needed to serve a planned southern runway. But city officials first must figure out how to pay for the latter stages of O'Hare expansion, which Mayor Daley wants completed by 2014.

FAA officials said the new north runway set to open next month will help reduce flight delays, but it won't increase capacity until additional runways are built.

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Pressure grows on U.S. to take bold steps on economy

7 **WASHINGTON** With panic tightening its grip on investors here and abroad, pressure was growing on the U.S. on Tuesday to take further aggressive steps to stem the economic crisis and swiftly implement a \$700 billion financial bailout.

On that front, the government is weighing a bold plan to buy massive amounts of unsecured short-term debts in a dramatic effort to break through a credit clog that is imperiling the economy.

The Federal Reserve is working with the Treasury Department on the plan to buy

“commercial paper,” a short-term financing mechanism that many companies rely on to finance their day-to-day operations, such as purchasing supplies or making payrolls, according to a person with knowledge of the plan. The market for this crucial financing, which relies on investors rather than banks, has virtually dried up. That has made it increasingly difficult and expensive for companies to raise money to fund their operations. Commercial paper is a way of borrowing money for short periods, typically ranging from overnight to less than a week.

A bigger plan?

Pressure also is growing on the Fed to reverse course and order a deep reduction in its key interest rate, now at 2 percent. Such a move would be aimed at reviving the moribund economy by encouraging consumers and businesses to boost their spending. Many predict the Fed will act on or before its next meeting on Oct. 28-29. And, some believe it could be part of a broader coordinated move with central banks in other countries.



Thai protest turns deadly

8 BANGKOK

Thai protesters demanding the government resign set fire to cars and threw bottles and metal barricades Tuesday at police, who used tear gas to break through their blockade around Parliament. At least one person was killed and more than 350 were injured.

AP PHOTO

No cold meds for tots

Children younger than 4 should not be given over-the-counter cough and cold remedies, drug companies said Tuesday in a concession to pediatricians who doubt the drugs do much good and worry about risks.

1 Iran forces down flight

Iran forced an aircraft carrying Hungarian military officials to land in a mix-up over whether it had permission to enter its airspace, Hungary's Defense Ministry said Tuesday. The plane was later allowed to continue to Afghanistan.

2 300 detained in raid

Federal agents detained more than 300 suspected illegal immigrants Tuesday in a raid at a Greenville, S.C., chicken processing plant that has been under investigation for months.



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3 Author kicked out

The American author of a controversial book accusing Barack Obama of seething with “black rage” and of being unfit for the U.S. presidency was kicked out of Kenya on Tuesday. The deportation of Jerome Corsi came just hours before he was to launch his book in a country where Obama is wildly popular.

4 Teen plots to kill family

A teenager is accused of trying to kill his sleeping family by placing homemade chlorine bombs in their beds. Police say Christopher Janney, 16, of South Fayette, Pa., built “compression bombs” that he placed near five family members late Friday or early Saturday. He was arrested Sunday.

5 Skinny dipper caught

Police have apprehended a man who went skinny dipping in a moat ringing the Imperial Palace in a busy Tokyo business district, attracting a huge crowd, officials said Tuesday. The naked middle-aged man jumped into the moat, then threw rocks and splashed water at two policemen who chased him in a rowing boat.

6 No charges for hazing

Prosecutors are not pursuing criminal charges against seven Tulane University fraternity members accused of burning pledges with boiling water and pepper spray during an initiation at the New Orleans school. Three members face felony battery charges.



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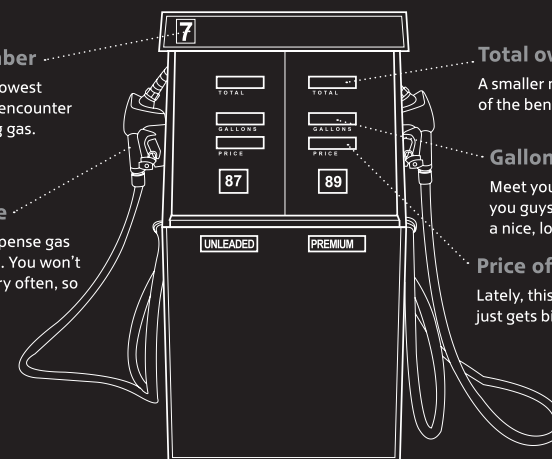
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Love for sale

Devotion to disappointing Cubs put on auction block

Chicago Tribune

Bidding will close early next week on eBay item 120313290200—one heartbroken man's Cubs loyalty.

Even before Saturday night's wrenching loss swept the team from contention for a World Series title—for the 100th year in a row—Scot Moore decided he'd had enough.

"In the interest of sparing my emotions from one more gut-wrenching season," the 30-year-old Minneapolis resident wrote on eBay after

Thursday's Game 2 flameout against the L.A. Dodgers, "I am auctioning off my loyalty to the Chicago Cubs."

Moore grew up in Wheaton and has been a Cubs fan for as long as he remembers—long before he logged on to the online auction site Friday as "lenina4sammy" and made his long-suffering Cubs devotion a liquid commodity.

As of Tuesday evening, bids topped \$455—plus \$4.80 shipping and handling (for what, we don't know).

Bidding closes Monday. Moore said he will donate the money to two small theater troupes in Minneapolis, burn what remains of his Cubs memorabilia, and wear a sports jersey of the winning bidder's



MOORE

choosing.

"I can't take it anymore," Moore said in despair Tuesday. It is possible, he said, for a fan to care too much. "I get too invested."

So, apparently, does another online auctioneer, "airline_freak," who put up a similar listing shortly after the Dodgers swept the Cubs on Saturday.

The Las Vegas-based poster writes, "As in any extremely abusive relationship, it takes time to see the mistake of staying in the relationship. I now know it is time to get out of this relationship."

The auction of eBay item number 260296144067, which ends Tuesday, offers the seller's "Cub Loyalty & Support."

As of Tuesday evening, that was worth \$5.50.

TWITTER LOYALTY

When a Cubs fan auctions his loyalty, RedEye's loyal Twitter followers speak out. Want to speak your mind and be featured in RedEye? Sign up at twitter.com/redeyechicago.

mattunger

Funny idea! I want in. Double the loyalty.

eyemalltalk

It'd be funny if he's the curse and the Cubs win next year when he's "no longer a fan." (which I don't believe for a second)

drinkbourbon

If I could permanently detach myself from the Cubs I would have done it long ago.

bkuhlst

Surprised the Cubs fan is getting that much for his loyalty

eyemalltalk

White Sox marketing should offer some merchandise and welcome him to the southside.

RStheGr8

Sadly, I find this very funny.

mrsdannytanner

Now I have something to watch on eBay. I like watching weird auctions.

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RedEye asked Matt Lynch and Ryan Pedersen, baseball bloggers on **redeye** **chicago.com**, whether the Cubs and White Sox deserve Chicago's baseball loyalty.

If you haven't heard already, a Cubs fan has lost his marbles and is auctioning off his loyalty on eBay.

Hehehe.

Just like a Cubs "fan" to betray the sports code of conduct. The definition of a fan by my standard is to support your team regardless of performance.

This is what separates true fans from phonies.

This admission of team abandonment really grinds my gears yet oddly delights me at the same time. You won't see any Sox fans tossing their team aside like an empty Old Style can after an early postseason exit.

Doesn't being a Cubs fan come with acknowledgment of the label "lovable losers?"

Sox fans are lifelong and the White Sox deserve our loyalty because they defied the odds and brought a division title to a franchise seemingly lost in 2007. They deserve our loyalty for not attempting a rebuilding effort after that moribund 2007.

This is simply the epitome of a despicable fairweather Cubs fan, the definition of which is a faint of heart, misguided soul who jumps on and off the Cubs bandwagon like some celebrities jump in and out of rehab.

Shame on you, Scot Moore. You never were a fan.



RYAN PEDERSEN
White Sox fan

Some guy has all too predictably attempted to gain some notoriety out of the latest chapter of Cubs failure by auctioning off his Cubs loyalty on eBay.

Now, I don't know this person, but one thing I do know is this: True fan loyalty is not for sale. I've been through a whirlwind of emotions this season: Ecstasy, anxiety and more recently agony and depression. But at no point during the recent dark times did I ever think about jumping ship.

Why would I? Granted, this past week was awful. I had difficulty sleeping. I did a number on my liver. I developed an acute syndrome where I swear uncontrollably upon hearing the words "James Loney."

But much of that angst comes from knowing what I was missing. I watched friends from Boston celebrate the end of their supposedly unbreakable curse in 2004, followed by my friends/enemies on the South Side throwing their parade in 2005. I'm not about to throw away my ticket to the biggest celebration I would ever see just because I can't stomach some pain and suffering.

Being a fan is about those rare moments when you reach the top of the mountain, but it's also about moments like these where everything seems hopeless (of which we've had more than our share).

If people can't understand that, I don't want them joining in on the party anyway.

So good riddance to you, seller of your loyalty. If you need me, you can find me at Wrigley next spring with an Old Style in my hand.



MATT LYNCH
Cubs fan

CUBS HITS



» Cubs reliever Carlos Marmol suffered minor injuries in a car accident early Tuesday in the Dominican Republic.

A truck hit a car carrying Marmol, a cousin and a friend in his hometown of Bonao near 2 a.m. The All-Star right-hander had just arrived in the Caribbean nation after the Cubs were swept by the L.A. Dodgers in the playoffs.

Marmol said in an e-mail to The Associated Press that the air bag deployed and he only suffered a cut and an "inflammation" of his forehead.

"Out of precaution they did different studies on my body, and I don't have any kind of serious injury," he wrote.

» GM Jim Hendry declined to comment on the futures of Kerry Wood and Ryan Dempster, his two prime-time free agents, but the Cubs are expected to try to re-sign both.

» Before leaving for Japan, Kosuke Fukudome spoke with reporters Tuesday at Wrigley Field and was asked how he would feel if he went into Spring Training next year without assurances of a starting job. "I could not care less," he said through a translator. The man who signed for \$48 million over four years would not care if he wasn't starting? Fukudome then was asked to clarify. "If it means that there will be competition in right field, all I have to do is win that competition," he replied.

» Can the Cubs send Fukudome to the minors? Fukudome would have to agree to it, which appears unlikely, although when asked about it Tuesday, Fukudome said "it's not my decision."

Manager Lou Piniella was pounded on talk-radio for playing Fukudome in Games 1 and 2 and for not removing Dempster after seven walks in 4 ²/₃ innings in Game 1. "That's what happens when you get beat," Hendry said of the criticism. "He got a lot of criticism on the first night about leaving Dempster in. I mean, the guy won 17 games. He won almost every game at home. ..."

» Rich Harden will see a shoulder specialist before the Cubs have to make a decision Wednesday on his \$7 million option.

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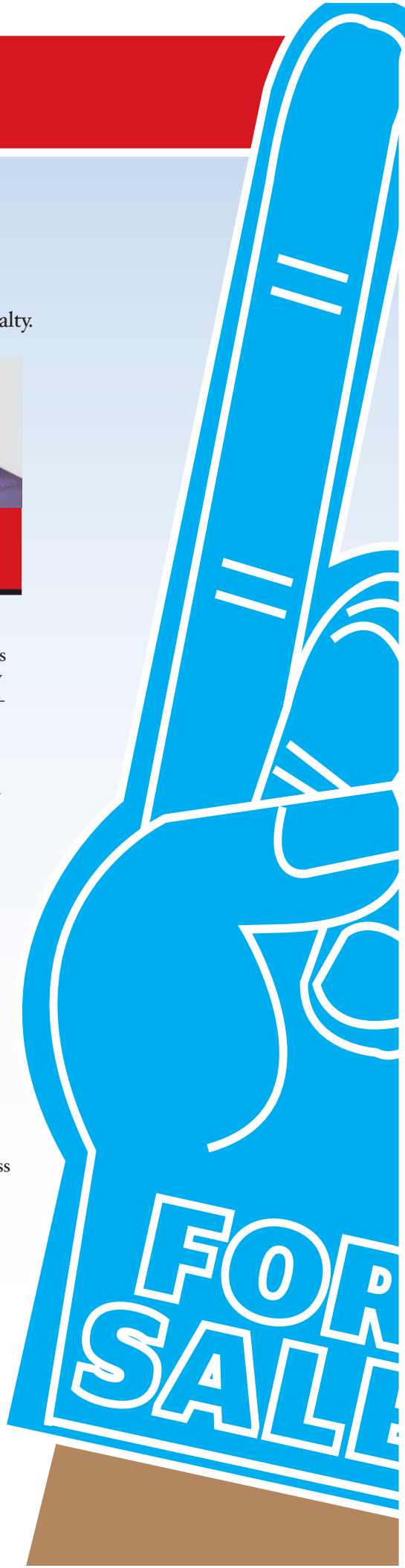
SOX HITS



» After an injury-riddled season that marked his first stint on the DL as a major-leaguer, 1B Paul Konerko knows that fitness will be a priority this

off-season. "In a nutshell, my body was just down this year," said Konerko, who coped with thumb, rib and knee injuries en route to a .240 batting average, 62 RBIs and 122 games—all career lows. "That's the first time I can say that after 14 professional seasons. ... I want to get in better shape and control the things I can control because I'm getting older (32), and it snuck up on me."

» Sox bench coach Joey Cora likely will be a strong candidate for Seattle's managerial job, assuming Mariners ownership hires a general manager who chooses not to retain interim manager Jim Riggleman.



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1 In retrospect, what lesson have we learned from Chicago's baseball season?	To quote Homer Simpson: "Never try."	I never want to hear "This is our year" again.	Never learn to love anything more than you would, say, a plate of spaghetti.	Just because 100 years is a nice milestone, it doesn't earn you any favors.	Simple math: Add a bunch of zeros together and you get zero.
2 The Lakers' Luke Walton allegedly has a stalker. Whom would you stalk and why?	Heather Graham. Because I'd like to discuss Jean-Paul Sarte with her.	I met my wife stalking—so do most men.	Um ... interesting question, Question Guy. (Somebody call "To Catch a Predator" NOW.)	She's a Beautiful Entertaining Young Operatic Naturally Curvaceous Electrifying singer.	Jo Noah's lawyers said there has to be at least 5 words and 500 feet between us.
3 An LSU linebacker says he'll try to knock out Florida QB Tim Tebow. Comments?	Well, that's his job, isn't it?	Tim Tebow will knock them out with his play.	He knows Tebow's skull is 6 inches thick, doesn't he?	Nice bulletin board material, but you don't bait a Gator.	Yeah, Tim Tebow is a knockout.
4 A coach who shoved a kid to the ground quit. What should the kid get out of this?	The coach was dead wrong but don't for a second think the kid's an angel.	A dirty uniform.	Definitely an extra juice box. But no more than one Twinkie!	His parents are charged a "timeout."	Nothing concrete.
5 Business Week listed the most influential people in sports. Who should be on the list?	Joe Six-Pack. He pays everybody's salaries.	I want to thank Business Week for making me #1 of people who shouldn't be on the list.	Stephon Marbury. Not even the Cubs have been paid more for doing less.	Jose Canseco.	Jo Noah sways me.

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HOMETOWN HITS



The Atlanta Falcons say Sunday's home game against the Bears is a sellout, which means the game can be televised in the Atlanta market.

The game against the Bears in the Georgia Dome is scheduled for a noon kickoff.



Stanford coach Jim Harbaugh was reprimanded by the Pac-10 for criticizing the conference's officials after the loss at Notre Dame.

AT THE BUZZER

Walton's alleged stalker on trial

Stacy Elizabeth Beshear, 34, of El Segundo has been charged with stalking Lakers forward Luke Walton. She was arrested Sept. 18 after she pulled up to his car and pretended to fire gunshots at him with her hand, police said. Walton said she's been harassing him since late last year and that she has waited outside his home several times.



Power players

BusinessWeek announced its list of the 100 most influential people in sports. Here are some notable listmakers and where they ranked:

1. **Tiger Woods**, golfer (above)
2. Roger Goodell, NFL commissioner
3. George Bodenheimer, ESPN president
9. Michael Jordan, NBA great and Bobcats owner
15. Lance Armstrong, Tour de France cyclist
17. LeBron James, Cavaliers forward
29. Peyton Manning, Colts quarterback



“I'm getting too old and fat to do that. I think I was so excited about it and still was in a little bit of

disbelief because of the confusion initially at the end that I literally just forgot about it.”

TONY STEWART, to the Virginia-Pilot on why he didn't climb the fence after Sunday's win at Talladega



Rose
GETTY IMAGES FILE

Ahead of the game?

Bulls rookie Rose's play already creating buzz

Remember all the talk from last June about bringing Derrick Rose along slowly and not burdening a rookie owning one season of college experience with too many expectations?

Well, forget about all that.

In conversations with several people who have witnessed or participated in Bulls practices, the praise for Rose is glowing and unanimous. Two people—one with ties to the Bulls' organization, one without—said Rose is having the best training camp of anybody on the team.

And while nothing is official and coach Vinny Del Negro has said to read nothing into his lineup for Thursday's preseason opener against Dallas, Rose has worked mostly with Kirk Hinrich in practice.

BULLS HITS

The Iowa Energy, the Bulls' affiliate in the NBA Development League, is staging a Chicago tryout Saturday at Prairie Stone Sports and Wellness Center in Hoffman Estates for invitations to its training camp. For more information, visit nba.com.

» After Wednesday's practice, the entire team will appear at Water Tower Place from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Hinrich has started 376 of 389 career games.

Rose, who turned 20 on Saturday, did pair with Thabo Sefolosha for Tuesday's practice and was matched against Hinrich. Still, most observers now consider Rose a lock to be an Opening Night starter against the Bucks on Oct. 28.

So much for bringing Rose along slowly.

To which Rose, as is his style, replies with a big aw-shucks.

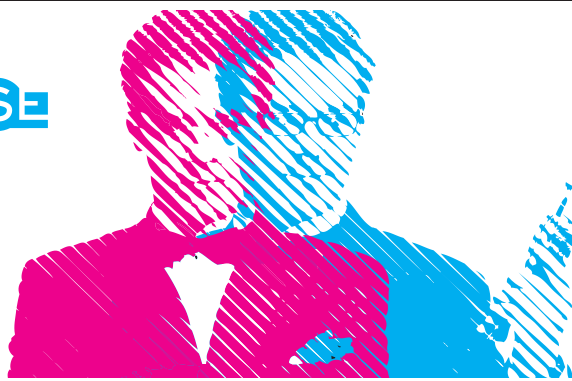
“Whoever deserves to start will start,” Rose said. “It isn't like anybody hating on another person. We just want to win.

“It's up to the coach if I need to learn stuff. Everybody thinks they deserve to play. But if sitting on the bench helps us win, I'll do it.”

This genuine lack of an agenda is partly why Rose has so impressed. Well, that and blinding speed, a professional practice approach that has him arriving hours early and his quick grasp of an offense that's heavy on the screen-and-roll.

“He's been very good, really, really impressive,” Sefolosha said. “He's quick. He makes good decisions on the court. I'm impressed with the way he prepares himself and how he knows when to pass, when to attack. He's already playing at a very high level.”

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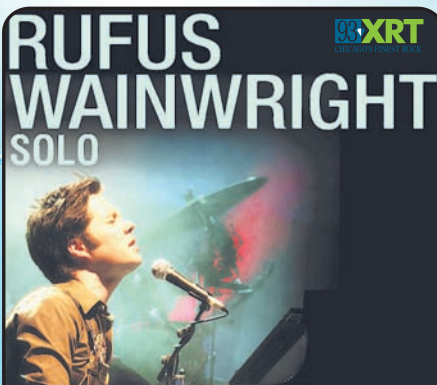
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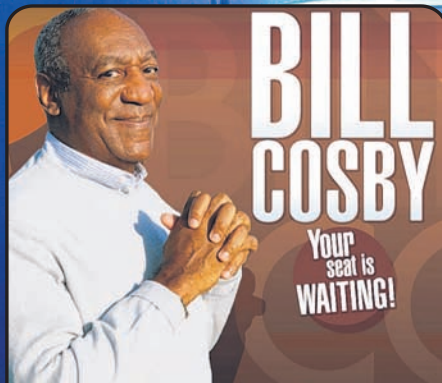
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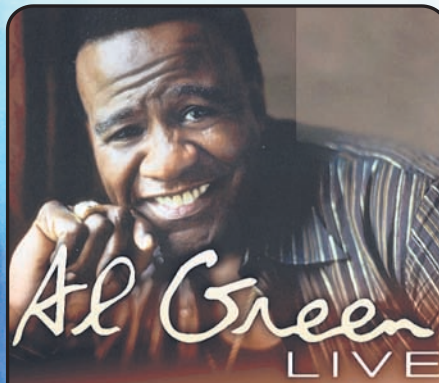
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Old style, indeed

These downtown dives have plenty of character (and a bit of grime) on tap

By Johnny Loftus

There are plenty of places in River North and the Loop to sip sleek cocktails or eat tiny food in restaurants with names you can't pronounce. But when it's time for something simple—like a no-frills can of Old Style—a dive bar is in order. As the area's sterilization continues—oh, look, another bar with a million flat-screen TVs and dark wood finishes—here are five downtown places that are keeping it real, reasonable and sometimes really greasy. They're right in front of you and just off the beaten path.



Rossi's

412 N. State St. 312-644-5775

The scene: Jammed into a pie-shaped space under dark timber eaves and the flags of Irish counties (yes, the bar's name is Italian), Rossi's cozy semicircle bar shares space with four hulking beer coolers and features at its center a proudly oversized Old Style tap. There's also an array of reasonably priced craft brews, but in the wink of Rossi's Christmas tree lights, it seems better to keep things uncomplicated. Chase your pint with a shot of Jagermeister from a plastic cup, and join your neighbors at the bar in yelling at the commercials on TV.

Don't miss: Those beer coolers are full of package goods. Yes, Rossi's is as great for a carryout sixer as it is for actually being carried out yourself.

Shamrock Club

210 W. Kinzie St. 312-321-9314

The scene: There's a round table at the front of this River North bar that's packed with rowdy shift workers, while professionals from the nearby Merchandise Mart crowd the bar next to guys with thick Chicago accents. The F bomb flies happily from all sides, and cryptic messages meant for the regulars crawl across an LED message board. While bottles of Miller Lite are prevalent, you can also get a perfectly poured pint of Guinness.

Don't miss: The Shamrock serves a tasty steak sandwich, one your bartender effortlessly has made while serving drinks to 20 people. But you also may be tempted by the packages of salted pumpkin seeds displayed alongside the usual bags of Vintner's chips.

Snicker's

448 N. State St. 312-527-0437

The scene: Crouched on a corner in the middle of the Grand Avenue restaurant scene, Snicker's serves mostly domestics and straightforward, strong cocktails to a cross-section of the sports-minded and boozed-up, the curious business travelers and the area hotel workers and limo drivers. It's also a spot to test your tolerance for mirrors emblazoned with the logos of local teams. And hey, is that bartender a former Bond girl?

Don't miss: Snicker's has a full menu to match its basic-is-best drinking aesthetic. Might as well order a sandwich—the grill stretches out right behind the bar—because you were going to walk out of here smelling like grease anyway.

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The scene: Wander into CND from the street—perhaps to escape the kitsch of the nearby Reagle Beagle—and you'd be forgiven for thinking it's simply a classic Chicago carryout joint. Gyros, Italian beefs and bowls of chili are all available in a flash of the spatula, but past the front room is a classic grandpa's basement scenario, complete with a full bar, imitation stained glass on the ceiling and a slew of slouchy tables. Feel free to buy scratch-off lottery tickets while you booze.

Don't miss: CND's back-room bar also features a fine collection of Chicago Honeybears roster posters dating from the early 1980s, back when the cheerleading squad still existed. The pom-poms and hot pants might be a bit faded, but those colors don't run!

Cal's Liquors

400 S. Wells St. 312-922-6392

The scene: Cal's doesn't exactly smell like cigarette smoke anymore, but it still looks like it should. In the shadows of the Board of Trade and the Brown Line's elevated tracks, this package liquor store/rock bar is frequented by surly bike-messenger types, rocker kids from Columbia College and power-drinking off-duty traders. Behind the bar, piles of dusty, busted CDs tower next to a haphazard jumble of liquor bottles, and the stage, which slumps in one corner, features at least half of a drum kit at any given time. Oh, yeah, and there's an aquarium too.

Don't miss: After you've downed three or four \$2 PBRs, peruse the wall decor. It's covered from floor to ceiling with the moldering set lists of Cal's past shows.





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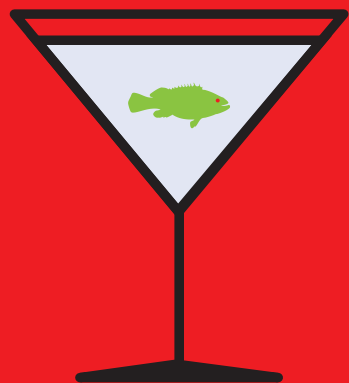
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Sound beginnings

Start your Sunday on the right note at one of these music-focused brunches

By Mindy Yahr

If the ringing in your ears from Saturday night's rock show usually leaves you wanting more, check out one of these Sunday-morning music brunch-

es. Whether you're looking to relax with some smooth jazz or want to keep the party going while a DJ spins house, these brunch spots keep the tunes flowing well into Sunday afternoon.

Cuatro

2030 S. Wabash Ave. 312-842-8856

The food: Flashy South Loop spot Cuatro gives breakfast classics a Latin American twist at its weekly bossa nova brunch. Try riffs on traditional brunch items such as plantain- and farmer's cheese-stuffed French toast (\$9) or mix it up with prime rib chilaquiles (\$13) or a torta de huevo (\$7). Wash it all down with half-price forbidden fruit sangria (\$5 glass).

The tunes: Brazilian trio Bossa Tres is a staple at Cuatro on Sundays. Mostly, the conversation flows naturally while they croon ballads in the background, but diners have been known to dance when the mood strikes.

Brunch time: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sundays; music 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dick's Last Resort

435 E. Illinois St. 312-836-7870

The food: Sure, it has a rep as a tourist haunt and a magnet for suburbanites, but on Sundays this longstanding Streeterville spot has something for everyone. For \$22.99, Dick's hooks you up with unfettered access to an all-you-can-eat buffet complete with a waffle station, made-to-order omelets and a chocolate fountain. Don't miss the bloody mary bar (\$7.50), where you can pick your vodka and load up on extras such as celery, cheese, pickles and sausage.

The tunes: Cover band The Cavern Beat stages an all-out British invasion with renditions of popular Beatles tunes. Though Dick's is set to relocate to a new River North location (315 N. Dearborn St.) within the next few weeks, we've been assured that the Beat will go on.

Brunch time: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday

Par Lounge

1415 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-252-6410

The food: The Sunday Funday brunch at Wicker Park's Par Lounge may have a cheesy name, but it's hard to find anything wrong with a full breakfast, lunch and dinner menu with prices averaging \$5-\$7. Drag yourself out of bed for pancakes and eggs or a salmon BLT—and don't forget a round of \$25 bottomless mimosas and bloody marys. You'll have to sip and stay awhile to get your money's worth, but that's the whole point.

The tunes: Local DJs hit the decks and spin throughout brunch. You just might catch a preview of the next big thing, as the bar often uses brunch to test out talent for future events.

Brunch time: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday

Bistro 110

110 E. Pearson St. 312-266-3110

The food: The New Orleans jazz brunch at this standby just off the Mag Mile features NOLA-themed dishes such as eggs Louisiana, a crab cake topped with poached eggs, hollandaise and Creole sauce (\$16.95), and Grand Mother's Frittata, eggs baked with bacon, mushrooms, onions, parsley and garlic (\$14.95).

The tunes: Jazz group The Grady Johnson Trio lays down smooth grooves to help you ease into your morning.

Brunch time: 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday; music 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

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\$1 Bud Light drafts, half-price appetizers and wine bottles, Chris Grant of Trippin' Billies hosts open mic 9 p.m. No cover; 1635

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Random Acts of Greatness

5 things we're loving this week

» A tried-and-true combo: fish tacos (\$9.95) and a **big ol' margarita** (\$8.75) at El Cid 2 (2645 N. Kedzie Ave. 773-395-0505).

» The **hibiscus sour** (\$8) at The Whistler (2421 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-227-3530). The candied hibiscus flower garnish tastes uncannily like a Fruit Roll-Up.

» Brooklyn band TV on the Radio's amazing new record "**Dear, Science.**"

» The **Eggs Benedicto XV** (\$9.50) at Bridgeport's Polo Cafe (3322 S. Morgan St. 773-927-7656). This "Trinity" of poached eggs arrives with two pillar candles and a framed photo of the Pope. Saturdays only.

» **Fantabulous Resplendence**, the limited-release anniversary ale by Three Floyds Brewing Co. (\$10.99). Pick it up at In Fine Spirits (5418 N. Clark St. 773-506-9463) or the wine bar of the same name next door.

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What are you loving this week? Log onto **metromix.com** to send us your own Random Acts of Greatness. You might just spot your pick in a future issue.

\$7 Three Olives grape bombs. No cover; 1446 N. Wells St. 312-787-6103.

SUSHISAMBA RIO

9 p.m.: Ginza Tropicalia. DJ Ed M spins 10 p.m. No cover; 504 N. Wells St. 312-595-2300.

TANTRUM

\$3 glasses of wine; 1023 S. State St. 312-939-9160.

TOONS BAR AND GRILL

\$3 all drafts and pineapple vodka shots, \$4 burgers. No cover; 3857 N. Southport Ave. 773-935-1919.

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Half-price drinks; 2721 N. Halsted St. 773-880-9293.

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VAUGHAN'S PUB

\$2.50 Miller Lite bottles, \$2 PBR cans, \$5 Terry Palmers, \$3 Jameson shots; 2917 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-281-8188.

VILLAINS BAR & GRILL

\$2 PBR cans, 50 cent large wings; 649 S. Clark St. 312-356-9992.

WEATHER MARK TAVERN

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There goes the neighborhood

Local folk-rockers Brighton, MA's recording style incites battle among neighbors

By Matt Pais

Conflict just seems to follow Matt Kerstein.

Consider this: The Boston-raised singer of Brighton, MA once found himself in the thick of a war between competing coffee shops (including his place of employment, Lakeview's Cafe Avanti). His band's van had its tires slashed before the group even played a show. And when questioned if being a long-suffering Red Sox fan helped him connect with the Cubs, Kerstein (a former member of Scotland Yard Gospel Choir who now lives in Lincoln Square) says, "I felt a kinship but then when [the Red Sox] started winning World Series, I was like, 'Ah, forget that!'"

In person, though, Kerstein, 28, demonstrates an easygoing calm that can be heard all over Brighton, MA's full-length debut, "Amateur Lovers," a warm yet melancholy folk-rock record—recorded partly at the house in which several band members have lived at one point or another—that the group understandably wanted to wait until fall to release (it comes out Oct. 28).

Outside Cafe Avanti (3706 N. Southport Ave.), we spoke with Kerstein and guitarist Jim Tuerk, 26, about recording at home, fighting with neighbors and the art of reconciliation.

Brighton, MA

When: 9 p.m. Saturday

Where: Metro, 3730 N. Clark St.

Tickets: \$10, 773-549-0203



Brighton, MA's Jim Tuerk (from left), Sam Koentopp, Matt Kerstein and Devon Bryant

Why do you like recording in your house?

Jim Tuerk: It's [about] comfort, but it's also making it sound like comfort. We wanted to keep an aspect of that homey ... seriously, we're four guys and we play music in our living room almost every night, and it's not a pretentious thing at all.

How did the neighbors feel about that?

Matt Kerstein: It's frigging hilarious, dude. I'm going to tell you all about this. These neighbors moved in on [one] side and they are amazing. They're great. On the other side is the most uptight ... I think he's got serious anger problems. Crazy couple with a young kid.

JT: He's like 4 though. That's young, but it's not like we're waking up an infant.

He's old enough to rock!

JT: He's old enough to rock.

MK: So we have rules. We've talked to both of our neighbors. We did soundproofing and we gave them our cell phone numbers, and we're like, "We'll be done by 10 p.m., if there's ever a problem ..." We were totally cool about it, right? So these guys, they called us up and complained a couple times, but we made it cool and we hadn't heard from them in awhile. So one time we're finishing up rehearsal—we're playing pretty loud—and this knocking keeps happening, and no one realizes until after a while. I go outside and this dude is in our house, and his wife is on their front porch, like, "I don't think you should be going in there!" He's red in the face, and he is screaming at the top of his lungs, "What the f*** are you

doing? You're making so much f***ing noise! I'm going to f***ing kill you!"

JT: Mind you, we were playing pretty loud.

What time was it?

JT: I think it was like 10:05 p.m. or something like that. Which is why he came over. We had gone over five minutes.

So is the song "Let's Be Friends Again" an ode to your neighbor, trying to make peace?

MK: No! I am never trying to make peace. I'm thinking about going to war with him actually. In a "Rushmore" type way. We gotta set some bees loose in his yard or something like that.

Then what are your tips for reconciliation?

JT: I have to say you're asking the wrong guy over here.

MK: Me or you?

JT: You.

MK: Why?!

JT: Because I've never seen you go through a good breakup before.

MK: I don't really reconcile. That lyric is kinda sarcastic.

JT: [Matt's] really good at not fighting. At stopping a fight from happening.

MK: I reconcile others! That's what that song's about. ... I'm thinking about going to the Middle East and using all my expertise in reconciliation to put out some fires over there. I feel like I could ease some tension.

I'm sure if you soundproof everything ...

JT: That's what we need to do. We need to soundproof Iran.

Brighton, MA's Chicago personality test

Cubs or Sox? Cubs

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- **Nights-Rodnth** (PG-13) 1:05,3:05,5:15,7:25,9:30
- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 1:20,3:20,4:15,6:15,7:00,9:05,9:50
- **Miracle-Anna** (R) 2:40,6:10,9:25
- **Igor** (PG) 2:30,4:50
- **Lakeview Terr** (PG-13) 1:10,2:20,3:40,6:30,7:30,9:10
- **Righteous Kill** (R) 5:00,9:55
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- AMC Select **Blindness** (R) 2:00,4:50,7:50,10:45
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- **Flash of Genius** (PG-13) 1:15,4:20,7:15,10:20
- AMC Select **Appaloosa** (R) 1:10,4:10,7:10,10:10
- **Nights-Rodnth** (PG-13) 1:30,4:15,6:40,9:10
- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 2:30,4:00,5:30,7:00,8:30,10:00
- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 1:45,4:45,7:45,10:45
- AMC Select **Choke** (R) 2:45,5:15,7:40,10:05
- **Miracle-Anna** (R) 1:05,3:00,6:45,7:30,10:25
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- **The Women** (PG-13) 1:00,6:50
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- **Fireproof** (PG) ★ 12:45,3:40,6:45,9:50
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- **Lakeview Terr** (PG-13) 2:40,5:30,8:10,11:00
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- **Flash of Genius** (PG-13) ★ 1:30,4:20,7:10,10:10
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- **Nights-Rodnth** (PG-13) ★ 2:30,5:00,7:20,9:50
- **Ghost Town** (PG-13) ★ 1:20,4:10,7:00,9:40
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- **Ame Carol** (PG-13) 1:10,3:45,6:20,9:00
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- **Righteous Kill** (R) 1:45,4:30,7:10,10:00
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Entrepreneur's picture-caption sites take Web by storm

Los Angeles Times

When you LOL at silly pictures of cats with even sillier captions or shake your head at the latest Internet fails, Ben Huh laughs all the way to the bank.

Huh, a Seattle entrepreneur, has built a mini-empire on the unique brand of humor illustrated by the "LOLcats" craze: photos with captions punctuated by deliberately misspelled words and mangled phrases.

His network of eight Web sites, which includes I Can Has Cheezburger and I Can Has a Hot Dog, attracts 5 million users and 100 million page views a month. The newest, ROFLrazzi, which launched a couple of weeks ago, makes fun of celebrities.

Huh, 30, is trying to expand his company, Pet Holdings, in the face of a slowdown in online advertising. The Korean-born former journalist now has 12 employees who, along with his wife, Emily, help him run the sites.

"Twelve months ago we were this odd cat blog," Huh said. "I am not sure if we are on the cusp of a new type of entertainment or

we are just a flash in the pan."

The LOLcats phenomenon began on an online bulletin board, 4chan. People started posting pictures of cats and slapping on captions from the feline point of view. The result was LOLspeak—or "kitty pidgin," as blogger Anil Dash dubbed it—a typo-twisted tongue that quickly jumped to other species and subjects.

Huh seized on the commercial potential. He paid an undisclosed sum to buy a popular LOLcats site named after a picture of a chubby gray cat gazing into the camera, with the caption "I can has cheezburger?" The site's found-

ers, Hawaii-based Eric Nakagawa and Kari Unebasami, had started the site as a hobby and were overwhelmed by the response.

Since buying I Can Has Cheezburger, Huh has added companion sites devoted to dogs, politics and really bad translations of English, among others. A fan favorite is Fail Blog, in which people take joy in others' mishaps.

The Pet Holdings sites have achieved cult status with a populist formula: Users with quick wits upload images bearing idiomatic expressions and idiosyncratic grammar, vote for favorites and post comments. The best of the thousands of submissions the sites receive each day hit the front pages.

"We want to make people happy for five minutes a day," he said.

Increasingly, pop culture is taking its cues from user-generated Web content that can quickly spread far and wide, said Tim Hwang, an Internet culture expert and a researcher with the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard Law School.

Hwang said LOLspeak has taken off



Beh Huh gives his five-word acceptance speech during the Webby Awards earlier this year. **AP FILE**



because it has such broad appeal and can be applied to just about anything. Instead of sharing inside jokes with your friends, you can turn them loose in a much larger online community.

"LOLcats is a language that is going to continue to get bigger and bigger," he said.

But is it a viable business? The banners and other display ads on which Pet Holdings and other Internet companies rely are being hit by the slowing economy. Research firm Nielsen Online said a couple weeks ago that spending on display ads fell 6 percent in the first half of the year from the same period last year.

Still, investors are betting more than \$2 million that the company, which Huh says breaks even, has staying power.

"Humor is one of those things that is recession-proof," investor Geoff Entress said.

Ada Courtney, 43, a self-described domestic goddess with four cats and two dogs from Rapid City, S.D., made her first Cheezburger entry a year ago. Since then she has added more than 1,100.

"When I first started looking through the site, I was thinking, 'Good Lord, do these people need lives?'" Courtney said. "Now I see the total attraction of it. It's one of the most wonderful things I have ever done."

Laura McEdward, a 25-year-old San Francisco pharmacy technician, also is hooked, spending a couple of hours working on LOLcats every day after work. But she says she doesn't click on the other sites in Huh's network, nor does she feel inspired to dream up captions for photos of famous people. "I see enough celebrities in the news," McEdward said.

Star scrutiny

Ben Huh hopes that celebrity coverage, which already generates huge online interest, will be another hit for him. For ROFLrazzi, users create funny captions for celebrity photos. For example:

- » Mr. T in a suit standing before a U.S. flag: "I pity the foo that fails to comprehend the financial ramifications of sub-prime lending."
- » Bouffant-coiffed and pastel-clad Duran Duran: "1986. Gayer than advertised."
- » A bearded Keanu Reeves: "In the Matrix there is no razor."

Site gags

Ben Huh's Pet Holdings operates a network of humor Web sites that let users submit funny captions on photos of cats, dogs, celebrities and more. The sites include:

- » icanhascheezburger.com
- » ihasahotdog.com
- » roflrazzi.com
- » totallylookslike.com
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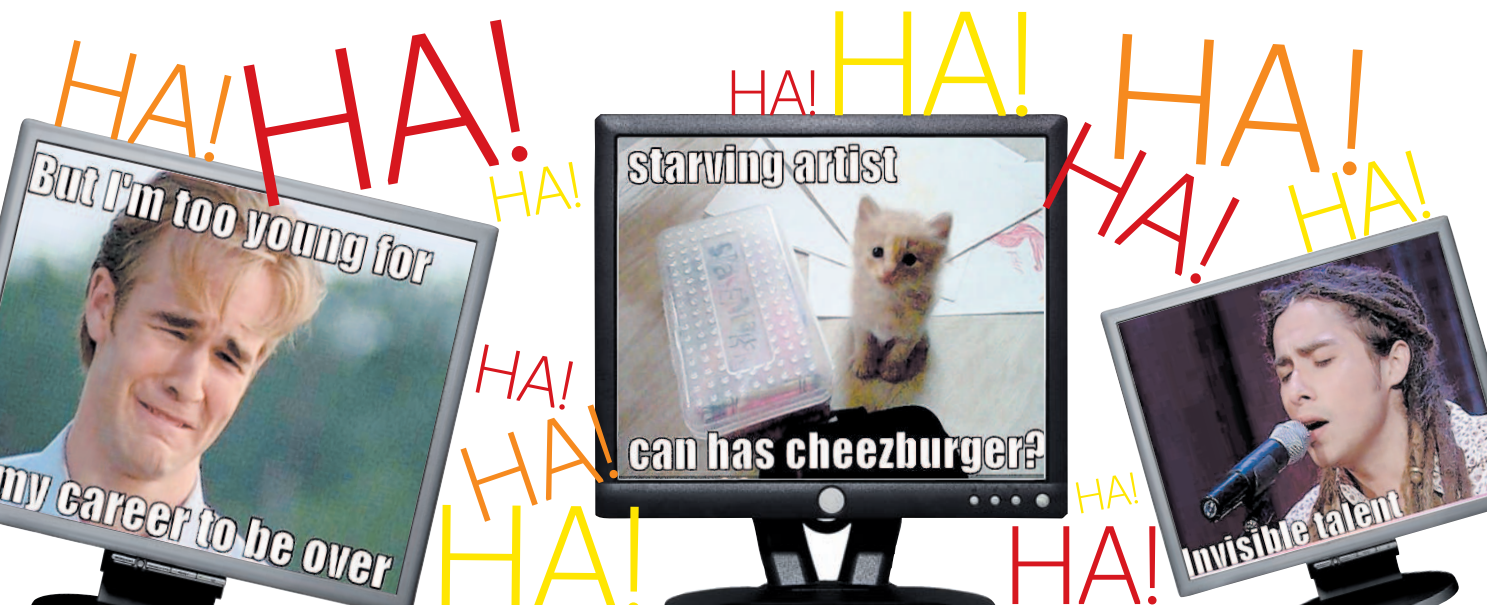
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War games get a dose of reality

Is it possible for a video game to express an anti-war viewpoint? Amid all the gung-ho mayhem of the modern first-person shooter, there are glimpses of a more pacifist conscience at work. Even last year's best seller, *Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare*, had some uncomfortably grim moments, including the awful aftermath of a nuclear explosion. And lesser games like *Haze*, *Army of Two* and *BlackSite: Area 51* have taken a more cynical, less heroic approach to war and warriors.

But if you're looking for a peaceful video game, go play *Harvest Moon*. **LOU KESTEN, AP**



!!! Brothers in Arms: Hell's Highway

Ubisoft/Xbox 360, PS3/\$59.99

Hell's Highway simulates 1944's Operation Market Garden, an ambitious

Allied attempt to secure a corridor through the Nazi-occupied Netherlands. This is a squad-based game, so you not only have to control Baker, but you also have to give orders to your team members. In a typical scenario, you order your men to lay down suppressive fire while you sneak around the back and take out Germans. The squad controls take some getting used to, and sometimes your guys don't respond as smartly as you might like. Overall, Hell's Highway is a solid, at times stirring installment of a fine series.

!!! Mercenaries 2: World in Flames

Electronic Arts/Xbox 360, PS3/\$59.99

World in Flames begins with a straightforward rescue mission, but after your employer tries to kill you, it's all about revenge. While the large-scale destruction is undeniably exciting, the overall game play is disappointing. World in Flames is marred by bizarre graphic glitches, repetitive missions and awful artificial intelligence. The stupidity of your enemies and the near-indestructibility of your own character kill any sense of accomplishment.

!!! Battlefield: Bad Company

Electronic Arts/Xbox 360, PS3/\$59.99

The comedy in Bad Company makes for a nice change of pace from previous Battlefield titles, although you may get sick of hearing some of the same quips. You don't have much control over your squad mates—which is appropriate, given what loose cannons they are. Since just about everything is destructible, it's fun to just run around making things go kablooeey. And while the satire isn't exactly subtle, Bad Company is amusingly unpredictable.

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Game Party 2 Wii

NBA 2K9 Xbox 360, PS3, PS2

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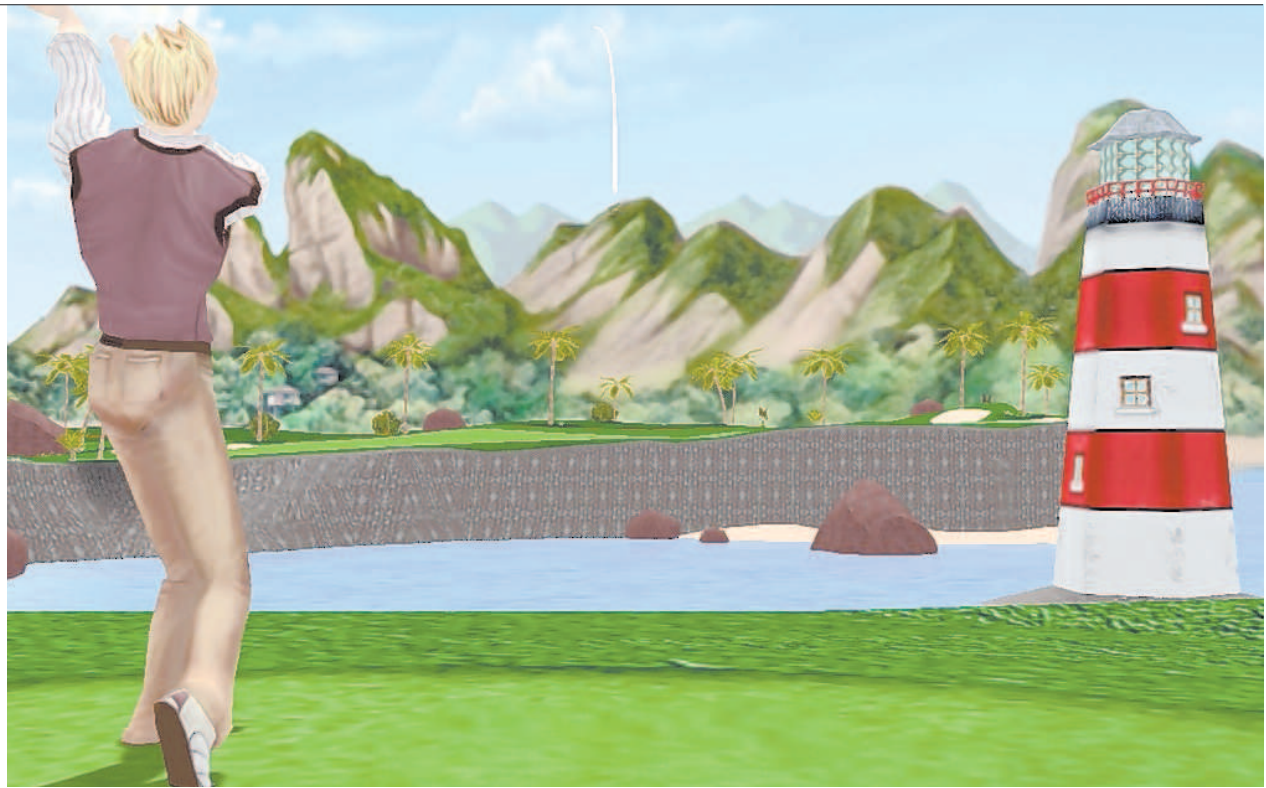
Fracture Xbox 360, PS3

Spectrobes: Beyond the Portals DS

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Crash: Mind Over Mutant Xbox 360, Wii, PS2, PSP, DS



Gimme Golf fuses gaming, networking

By Ryan Smith
FOR REDEYE

The irony of Jeff Clapper and Zack Reboletti expending so much blood, sweat and tears over the past 18 months creating a golf game is not lost on them.

"It's kind of funny because neither of us are big golfers, and we don't play a ton of games either," Reboletti said.

Nonetheless, the two young Chicagoans and the small indie game company they founded called Skill Technology believe that their pet project Gimme Golf is a proverbial hole-in-one.

With its modest graphics and simple interface, Gimme Golf can't necessarily keep up with big boys like Tiger Woods PGA Tour 08 in the visual and technical departments, but Clapper and Reboletti say they're not necessarily trying to compete with them.

Clapper, 28, describes Gimme Golf as a casual social game that just about anyone can pick up and play.

"The point is you can just play a round of golf with your friends and chat and have a good time," Clapper said. "There's little learning curve, and of course, it's free."

Gimme Golf, which was officially released as a free download earlier this month, is coming into the market at a time when casual games are on the rise. The North American market for casual games is expected to grow from an estimated \$281 million in sales this year to \$1.15 billion in 2011,



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according to marketing research firm DFC Intelligence.

Gimme Golf had a team primarily made up of six people—half of them artists and programmers Clapper and Reboletti found on Craigslist, Clapper said. And the first month of work on the game started in early 2007 in Clapper's Jefferson Park apartment.

"It was a little crazy because we were conducting interviews for the

team at my place one day, and my roommate was actually making brownies, so you could hear the blender in the background," Clapper said with a laugh.

Though it's free to play, Skill Technology plans to find a revenue source in Gimme Golf's entry fee system. Up to four players can currently play a free round together, but they also have the option to institute an entry fee so that a group of players put in a set amount of money via Paypal. The winner of the round would then take the pot. Reboletti says his company would take a small portion of the entry fees. It's a business model based on the popular Golden Tee arcade games found in bars across the country, Clapper said.

"We saw Golden Tee, and we thought we could use a similar model, but we wouldn't have to worry about a location fee to pay to business owners," Clapper said.

Skill Technology programmers are now hard at work at making the game into a Facebook application.

"It's pretty phenomenal, we've gotten so much positive feedback from our players so far," Reboletti said. "We think it has the potential to be a very popular game."

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Joe Pingue (left) and Steve Markle of 'Testees'
FX

Sarah hits what 'Testees' misses

Sarah Silverman has never met a body orifice she didn't like ... using in her twisted TV series.

Body parts and excretions appear to be the fascination of the new sitcom "Testees" as well. If only "Testees" was able to use such low-brow tools to create the biting satire Silverman achieves.

"Testees" tells the story of slacker pals Peter (Steve Markle) and Ron (Jeff Kassel), who make their living by being test subjects for a drug company called Testico.

Try saying Testico fast three times and you'll see how low this sitcom shoots.

The show's creator, Kenny Hotz, messes up a great premise by always going for the most sophomoric laughs (flatulence jokes, penis jokes, etc.). I shouldn't have been surprised, considering that Hotz came up with the gross-out reality show "Kenny vs. Spenny."

In the pilot, which airs at 9:30 p.m. Thursday on FX, Peter experiences symptoms that convince the guys Peter is pregnant. They prepare for the baby—yeah, they aren't too smart—and try to run from Testico officials. The story goes nowhere, with no real message, before its "explosive" conclusion.

I hate to sound like a prude, but the problem with "Testees" is that the gross-out stuff doesn't lead to any substantial payoff. Hotz, a former "South Park" writer, doesn't capture the satirical humor of that show. And although I did laugh a couple times, "Testees" is basically crude and juvenile for the sake of being crude and juvenile.

"The Sarah Silverman Program" gets crude as it begins Season 3 with new episodes at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday on Comedy Central.

On Wednesday, Sarah gets high for the first time with her buddy, Brian (Brian Posehn), and tries to solve his problem diarrhea.

She decides to storm the offices of the corporation that makes the fat-free potato chips Brian eats that cause his diarrhea after she learns that the same company makes the indigestion medicine and toilet paper he uses. She and Brian kidnap the president of the company.

"Think about it," Sarah says. "Corporations are creating problems and then marketing solutions."

It's completely absurd, but has that kernel of truth and cutting satire that makes the low-brow jokes funny.



"The Sarah Silverman Program"



"Testees"



WEDNESDAY The Tony Rock Project

7 p.m., MyNetwork TV
Tony Rock (above) tries to be as funny as his big bro, Chris, when he punks people—including Gary Coleman—via hidden camera.

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Myvu's Crystal 701 video eyewear plugs into your iPod so you can view video.

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Hartford Courant

If the future is the personal media viewer, most aren't seeing it.

The impregnated-safety-goggle design just won't fly. It doesn't matter what decade, or what century.

Why not just call these iPod goggles an eyepod and trim enough fat so they look like otherworldly, rechargeable sunglasses? Then maybe more people will start watching downloads of "The Secret Life of the American Teenager" flash before their eyes.

Myvu of Westwood, Mass., is halfway there. It still calls its products video eyewear, but the Crystal 701 for iPod is almost sexy enough to wear in public.

Aside from wearable, it's also watchable. Its DVD-quality (640-by-480) resolution is better than the 320-by-240 resolution of an iPod and other video eyewear.

So for the price of a pair of real Oakley shades, you get a miniature, on-your-face movie theater with surprisingly good attached earphones by Ultimate Ears, a control/battery pendant and enough wires so that anyone within a city block knows these are not mere sunglasses.

MyVu makes a Crystal 701 with a cable specifically for the iPod and a standard version for the non-iPod population.

The standard also works with just about any video-spewing device, whether a Zune, a mobile phone, portable DVD player, game console or a cable-TV box.

Two wires run from the headset to the control pendant, then another from the pendant to the iPod. You could probably lasso a steer



with all the wires, but once the headset's in place, you're in another world.

For those who haven't tried video eyewear—there must be hundreds of millions of you—it really is like peering into a tiny movie theater, with a back-row view of a white screen against a black background.

For iPod viewing, the Crystal 701 produces a picture that looks quite good on the squarish screen. Although the resolution is better than an iPod, it's nearly impossible to read the on-screen graphics when watching cable news or a baseball game with the headset connected to a cable box.

The earphones are about as good as it gets in video eyewear, and the headset lasts four hours per charge.

The Crystal 701, thanks to an adjustable nose pad, felt comfortable despite weighing almost 3 ounces.

It's hard to see a future where everyone's walking around with a personal media viewer. But maybe the Crystal 701 is a start.

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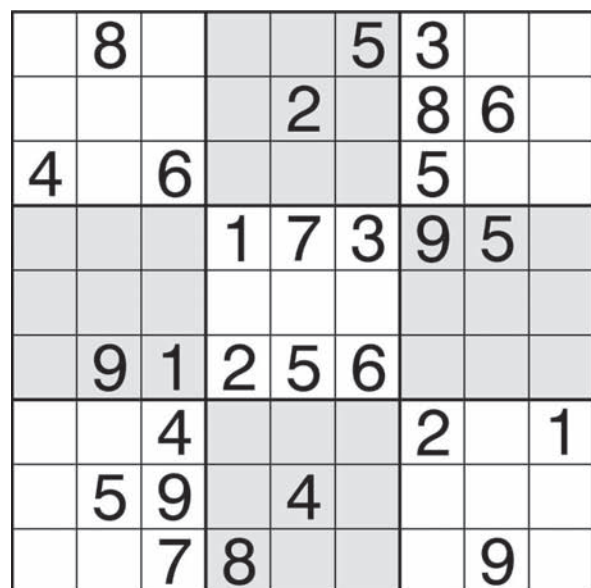
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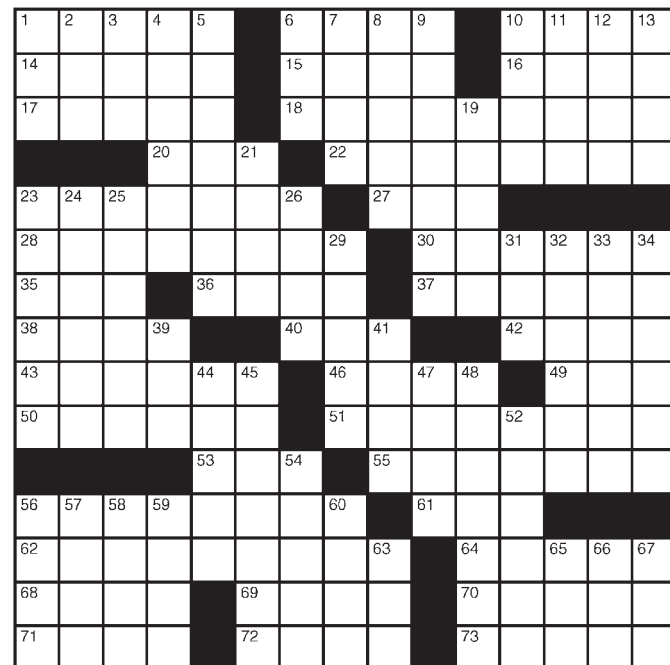
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Are they or aren't they?

Rumor has it Kimmel, Silverman are getting close again

OK, before anyone gets his or her pants in a twist, let's get one thing straight: This is just a rumor at this point. But it looks like comedians Jimmy Kimmel and Sarah Silverman might be getting back together. At the very least, they're publicly spending time together, and one of 'em has made a comment recently about how the other will always have a place in her heart.

Before we get too far ahead of ourselves, though, let's recap what's been going on with one of America's favorite (only?) comedy couples. Kimmel and Silverman suddenly split in July after a five-year relationship, and their reps issued a joint statement at the time saying that neither comedian would comment further.

The breakup came as a surprise to gossip watchers because Kimmel and Silverman had scored huge Internet buzz earlier in the year with her "I'm [bleeping] Matt Damon" video and his star-studded "I'm [bleeping] Ben Affleck" video.

Fast forward to now, and the former couple has been spotted canoodling on both coasts by unnamed onlookers—the gossip mags' source of choice—and at least one picture of the two together has surfaced, [people.com](#) reports.

Silverman wouldn't comment on the relationship Tuesday on "The View," but the New York Times quoted her as saying: "We talk every day. It's fine, it's great. I'm doing his show at the end of the month. We're very Demi and Bruce."

But the big question is, are they an item again? Reps for the comedians had no comment. Well, we want the truth! So join us as we examine the reports.



EXHIBIT A: The shout-out

EVENT: Last month, Silverman thanked Kimmel after winning an Emmy for her Matt Damon video, which appeared on her ex's late-night talk show. "Thanks to the person for whom this whole video was made: Jimmy Kimmel, who broke my heart—ohh, who'll always have a place in my heart," she said, according to People.

THE CALL: After weeks of "no comment" about her ex, the shout-out was a glimpse into what happened between the two. If Kimmel always will have a place in Silverman's heart, one wondered, would they get back together? Seemed unlikely.

EXHIBIT B: A date?

EVENT: Late last month, the couple was spotted enjoying a "laugh-filled" dinner at a Thai restaurant in L.A., People reported, citing an unnamed source. The two left holding hands, according to the report.

THE CALL: Hard to put stock in an unnamed spy like this report did. Plus, since when does holding hands mean you're dating? Maybe Kimmel and Silverman just like Thai food. At any rate, we weren't holding out hope for any reunions after this one.

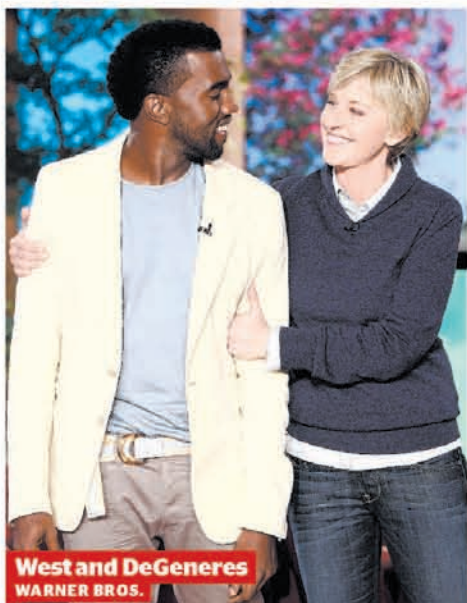
EXHIBIT C: The wedding

EVENT: The two were spotted together again last week at Howard Stern's wedding in New York City. A photo of the couple showed Silverman smiling as Kimmel appeared to be placing his hand near her tush. Scandalous!

THE CALL: We could be wrong, but doesn't attending the same wedding seems like a relationship-y kind of thing to do? Were they together? Was it a date? All we can say is they were there, and that fact—combined with Exhibits A and B—seems like good enough reason to at least see where this rumor takes us.

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West and DeGeneres
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Ellen, welcome to the West

Kanye West debuted the video for his new "Love Lockdown" on Tuesday ... on Ellen DeGeneres' talk show. The two also talked about how West's life has changed since the death of his mother, Donda, last year, and West praised DeGeneres on her fashion sense. "You have really great style," he said, according to people.com excerpts. "Seriously, this is one of the people you should look at whenever you're trying to figure out how to put together an outfit."

Trouble for Nolte?

Nick Nolte escaped a fire that caused an estimated \$1.5 million damage to his Malibu home on Tuesday, authorities said. The actor, who recently appeared in "Tropic Thunder," scraped his arm and inhaled some smoke but was not hospitalized, The Associated Press reports. Nolte's rep said in a statement that there was an electrical fire at the house.



NOLTE

IN:

J.Lo and Marc Anthony's twins

She tells "ET" that Max is like her hubby, and Emme is delicate, "but you can't mess with her!"



OUT:

Kim Kardashian (above)

In the wake of Misty May-Treanor's competition-ending injury, she says she'd totally come back to "Dancing With the Stars." Shameless much?

WHATEVER:

Britney Spears

A first look at her "Womanizer" video has hit the Web. Let's just say it's a bit early for some of those Halloween-inspired costumes in the clip.

None of your beeswax!

Queen Latifah wants to keep personal matters personal. "I don't feel like I need to share my personal life, and I don't care if people think I'm gay or not," she told a New York Times reporter, according to an account on accesshollywood.com. "Assume whatever you want. You do it anyway."



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Celebrity twin

Do you look like a celebrity? Show us! Send your picture along with the name of the celeb who shares your style to jxwalsh@tribune.com. For Wednesday, we have Shaina Moran. Think she's a ringer for Alexis Bledel? Text "twin" and the number of your opinion to 47383. You'll get the poll results instantly.

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She's 42. She just had a baby. Oh, and she's the sexiest woman alive, according to Esquire.

The magazine gave Halle Berry its top honor in its November issue. In her "acceptance speech," posted on esquire.com, the former Bond girl was tongue-in-cheek about what it means to be called sexy.

"I don't know exactly what it means, but being 42 and having just had a baby, I think I'll take it," she says of the honor. "Sexiness is a state of mind—a comfortable state of being. It's about loving yourself in your most unlovable moments."

Best. Video. Ever.

What do you get when you combine a popular band, monitors from the Guinness Book of Records and several hundred people willing to do just about anything?

If you're Weezer, you get the band's new video for "Troublemaker." Entertainment Weekly reports that the band broke several world records while filming the video in an L.A. parking lot in August. Here's the list of some of the goofy feats depicted in the video:



» Most people riding on a skateboard (22)



» Longest Guitar Hero World Tour marathon (10 hours, 12 minutes, and 54 seconds)



» Biggest game of dodge ball (100 players)

» Largest air guitar ensemble (233 players)

» Biggest custard pie fight (120 people)



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THE VELVET ROPE



Kelley

Working relationship

Josh Kelley's secret weapon? His wife, Katherine Heigl.

The singer says Heigl causes him to up his game whenever she's in the audience. "I'm always trying to impress my girl," he tells people.com. "It doesn't make me nervous, it usually makes me better. It kinda makes me tighten up a little bit, to tell you the truth."



Duchovny

Duchovny out and about

David Duchovny is out of rehab for sex addiction, his lawyer says.

"David has successfully completed his rehabilitation, he is out of rehab and will be starting a movie soon," Stanton Stein tells The Associated Press.

Duchovny, who plays a sex-obsessed character on Showtime's "Californication," was spotted in New York on Sunday with his wife, Tea Leoni, usmagazine.com reports.

The former "X-Files" star voluntarily entered rehab in August.

Holly and Hef no more?

Confused by the status of Hugh Hefner and girlfriend Holly Madison? Allow her to explain:

"Hef and I aren't together," she told a TMZ cameraman Monday night.

The admission came after a cameraman asked her if she could get him into an upcoming party at the Playboy mansion.

Madison said she didn't have any pull anymore in that department.

69 percent

The percentage of votes Eminem got to beat out Jay-Z for the title of Best Rapper Alive in a Vibe magazine online poll that received more than 900,000 votes. In a statement, Em said he didn't think any one rapper is the best, "but since Vibe's offering the distinction, hell yeah I'll accept!"



Eminem
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